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Mr. Brian D. Berger
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/666,519
Title: SERVER-SIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CRYPTOGRAPHIC
SYSTEM
Filed: September 20, 2000
Our Reference: WHOVIS.034A

Dear Brian:

As you have directed, we have transferred this file to John Eldredge, Esq. at Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth. Accordingly, we have petitioned the Patent Office to withdraw as your attorneys. A copy of the "Petition for Withdrawal as Attorney" is enclosed for your records.

Please take notice of the following facts. Your application was filed on September 20, 2000 and its current status is pending. There is no outstanding term for response.

Therefore, the amount of time for response, including extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), cannot be determined since this case is awaiting action by the PTO. Future correspondence regarding your patent matter should be addressed to:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Attention: Group Art Unit 2781

Any such correspondence should clearly identify the application number and filing date of your application, and should be directed to Group Art Unit 2781.

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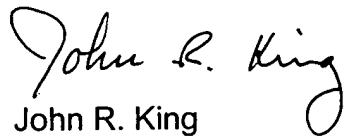
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Since this application was filed after June 7, 1995, the life of any patent issued on it will expire at a date that begins to run from the filing date, rather than the issue date, as in the past. However, the patent will not become effective until it is issued, and thus, if the application is not prosecuted promptly to issuance, the effective life of the patent will be shortened.

We regret that this matter has to be resolved in this manner. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John R. King

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Enclosures

cc: John Eldredge, Esq.
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